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SOLUTION, IN PARTICULAR OF LACTOSERUM OR OF AN
ULTRAFILTRATION PERMEATE OF LACTOSERUM

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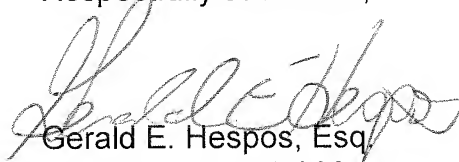
This communication is submitted to supplement the Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on October 21, 2008. In reviewing the file, a rather apparent clerical mistake was noted in the remarks. The first full paragraph on page 6 of the remarks should read as follows:

In sharp contrast to the present claimed invention, Noel describes a method of separating out salts by transfer through electrodialysis or nanofiltration membranes which comprises, **in succession**, at least one step of exchanging divalent cations for protons and at least one step of exchanging divalent anions for chloride ions. After a portion of the cations have been exchanged for protons by percolation over a carboxylic resin, the protons-remainder of the divalent cations are exchanged for protons by the

strong cationic resin. Finally the substance is passed over an anionic resin to exchange divalent anions to chloride anions. See Noel col. 2, lines 45-61 and col. 5, line 24-col. 6, line 2 (especially line 2 of Claim 1 calling for the steps "in succession").

It is believed that the Examiner will have understood this aspect of Noel and the differences between the claimed invention and Noel. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants' attorney at the number below if further clarification is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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